

**REMARKS**

The objection to the disclosure has been addressed.

Likewise, the rejection of Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 has been addressed with the foregoing amendments. Reconsideration is requested on grounds that one skilled in the art would now find the claims to define the meters and bounds of the invention with sufficient particularity.

The rejection of Claims 1-14 as being anticipated by the Kato et al., publication under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims now clearly define over the method as one that produces a rotor core having a tapered surface on only one of the outer perimetric ends. As described in Applicant's specification, this arrangement reduces noise and vibration that are typically generated in prior art rotor cores such as shown Kato et al. The latter contains no suggestion of how to do so in a manner akin to the method claimed here.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

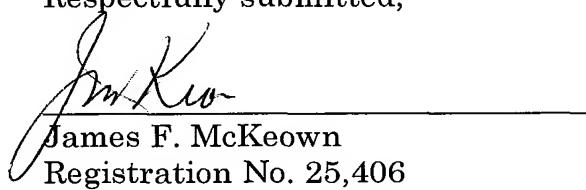
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.53989US).

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